The Commercial declares that the Ferguso act is "clearly and in the best sense popular in this city, and "desires to make this point quite decidedly for the reason that, as this city alone is affected by the measure, the assertions that it is received with public indignation here, would, if not contradicted, have some influence with the action of the General Assembly;" and it observes:

"We have probably as good a right and as much authority as others, to speak of or for the public opinion of this city."

We were not aware that the business manufacturing and selling newspapers to the general welfare empowers Congress to try people of Cincinnati, gave the publisher any more authority to represent the people in matters of legislation, than the baker has, who supplies them with bread, or the brewer who supplies them with lager-beer. Are the people of this city aware that when they pay their two cents for the Commercial they au thorize that paper to represent their opinion on measures of legislation which take away their right to govern themselves? Certainly this is a most momentons two-penny investment. We doubt if the people were aware how much virtue went with their two cents | novel constitutional logic offers vast facilities But perhaps the Commercial's claim to authority to speak for the public opinion of yet heard of any tyranny or usurpation that

the people of this city is acquired by furnishing them their opinions and ideas. If The Star Chamber Court was most impera-that is the basis of the claim, it explains tively demanded by the general welfare. the Commercial's conviction that they are incapable of governing themselves. That would settle the question of capacity for selfgovernment at once.

The people of this city are told authoritatively, that "the one seemingly hopeless feature in our government has been the City Council," and that the Ferguson act is "in the right direction of reform." The Ferguson Bill takes the administration of the city improvements from the City Council, and puts it in the power of a Board, to be appointed by the Superior Court. As both of these institutions are elected by the people, the inquiry arises why one should be a "hopeless feature and the other "a radical reform in the right direction." The people certainly have their pick of just as good men for the Council as or the Superior Court, or for this contractfault is in the people; so that really the hopeless feature of the city government is

people themselves. This is the feature that is to be reformed. and any measure which removes the control of the city government further from the people, the Commercial calls a "reform in the right direction." Thus, by a hocus-pocus of legislative interference, taking the administration of the city improvements from the City Council, which is elected biennially in alternate years, so that its relations are close to the people, and putting it in the hands of a board appointed by the Superior Court, which is elected for five years, places it beyoud the people for a period long enough to accomplish a great many magnificent enterprises, in a city which is so rich a placer for plunder as this. This the Commercial calls "a reform in the right direction;" but in the right direction merely, for this principle of reform is capable of indefinite extension.

If removing power from the people by long terms of office, and by appointments within elections, is "reform in the right direction, why not perfect our Government at once, and abolish this hopeless popular feature The French did a brilliant stroke of "reform in the right direction." The hopeless popular feature has not troubled them since. Perhaps the ardent admiration which the Emperor's Italian campaign inspired in our neighbor, gave this extraordinary bent to his mind in the right direction of reform Also, if the right direction of reform is in reducing the number of those to whom the administration is committed, why not carry the thing out at once to its legical conclusion,

in the French fashion! As for the Legislature, let them ex-

amine this question in the light of common sense, if there is such a thing in that body. Is our Government founded on the principle that the power is in the people, and that government should be as direetly responsible to them as is compatible with practical and convenient working? If it is, what right have they to take the management of our city affairs away from the people, and put it in the control of an appointing power? Dare they defend the principle of this legislation? If carried out in the State, it would abolish the Legislature at once. Even if there were any considerable portion of the people of this city in favor of this legislative usurpation, it would not affect the question. What right would a portion of the people of Cincinnati have to call on the Legislature to deprive the whole people of the control of their affairs? No such right exists, either in the Legislature or in the people The rights of the people can not be alienated, either by themselves or by the Legislature. The Ferguson act is contrary to the funds mental principles of our Government. If our Constitution is a thing of any positive principles, it is in violation of that.

Would any member or the Legislature like to go before the people for a re-election and defend the principle of this measure? He had better be handi-capped with a mill-stone for a political canvass. Let them reflect how the Republican Legislature will stand before the people of this city, with this measure, the principle of which is an insult to the people. and which, in practice, places the administration of the most important of our city affairs, and those having the greatest facilities for corruption, entirely beyond their centrol, in the hands of a close corporation, where the danger of corruption will be ten fold increased. No candidate will venture to go before the people of this city with the load of this measure to carry; and any defense of it on the part of any public journal, is only consciously impotent floundaring in a position to which it was committed by its own fatuity when it undertook to express an opinion of its own.

"Unparalleled Meanness," A man in Cleveland, Ohio, applied to a Justice, recently, for an execution to levy upon the wooden leg of a man who owed him four dellars! No constable could be found to serve the execution.—Commercial. "mill" between Heenan and Sayers.

Regard for the truth of history compels us to say that this meanness is not "unparal-leled." Executions have ere now been levied upon both legs, of flesh and blood, too, of men who owed dollars; and constables have been

found to serve them. The Impending Crists of the South. Board seven dollars a day,

General Welfare and Peculiar Logic. ustified in setting itself up as a criminal trisunal, by the enormity of the John Brown raid; and that although it may not be clearly warranted by the Constitution, "the general welfare would seem to require that Congress should be able to look into the facts of domestic violence," and to imprison contumaious witnesses; and it thinks that "the liberties of honest citizens are much more fre-

quently endangered by a grand jury, than by Committee of Congress. Domestic violence? We interpret, by the connection, that the Commercial means violence committed in our own country, as distinguished from foreign violence; that is, all violence that comes within the jurisdiction of any of our courts. Holding language to its usual responsibility, this means that the witnesses to testify. But if the "general welfare" requires that Congress should try acts of domestic violence, it much more im-

peratively demands that it should punish them. This, of course, the Commercial will grant, for this is indispensable to make the tribunal competent to protect the "general welfare," and certainly the Constitution will just as much warrant the Senate in Inflicting criminal penalties, as in holding criminal investigations into acts outside their own body. This for progress in our government. We never did not justify itself on the "general welfare." The Star Chamber Court was most impgra-"The cool deliberate public opinion of the country (very likely the private opinion of the country corresponded) on the Covenanter raid," had just been set forth with admirable precision and force. It was, as the Commercial pertinently remarks of the John

sition to instituting the inquiry." The Commercial's argument seems to be that because grand juries have criminal jursdiction, it is proper for Congress to assume t; and that the powers of Congress are not limited by the Constitution, but by their ideas of the general welfare. There are several other "arguments," such as that Mr. Hvatt is a "hirsute fanatic," and that "the cool, deliberate public opinion of the country on the John Brown raid was set forth with admiring board. If they do not elect them, the able precision in the speech of Senator Seward;" and that Mr. Hyatt's response to the Senate filled several quires of paper, and "five columns of fine type;" all going to show logically and philosophically-that is with the Sancho Panza proverbial philosophythat the Senate should assume criminal jurisdiction over "acts of domestic violence."

volving civil war," and "there was no oppo-

War Between the United States and Mexico—Two Mexicau Steamers Taken by United States Vessels of Vera Cruz— Miramon Attacks Vera Cruz and is Re-

By our telegraphic dispatches it will be seen that the war for which the President and the fillibusters have been so long itching, has at length been brought about by the attack of our navy upon the vessels of Miramon.

The steamers which have been captured are probably those procured by Miramon from Cuba, to aid in the attack on Vera Cruz, as Miramon had no vessels. No excuse exists for our interfering in the quarrels of the Mexcan factions, and it remains to be seen whether the sole right of Congress to make war, can be taken out of their hands by our naval officers

Steam Passenger Car.

We have in the Press Counting-room two photographs, giving fine side and front views f the steam passenger car, patented by Grice & Long, Philadelphia. The driving apparatus is placed on the front end of the passenger car, an arrangement which seems indispensable to success, for several reasons; of which are-the objectionable length in the street of a separate locomotive and car; the greater ease of stopping and starting a single car; and the jerk, which can not be avoided in ing and starting, when the locomotive and car are separate.

An upright boiler is placed on one side and the engines on the other, the driver tanding between, and the whole driving apparatus occupying about twice the space used by the driver on horse cars. Steam passenger cars will undoubtedly be a success and this looks as if it was in the right line.

THE strike among the New England workngmen has been hailed with immense satisfaction by a certain class of small politicians. They profess to greet it as proof that the laboring men of the North are in no better condition than the slaves of the South, and are greatly rejoiced at the imaginary parallel.

If a single grain of common sense could enter into this negro flunkeyism, one would suppose that the strike of the Northern laborers marked the most striking distinction between free laborers and slaves. When the aegroes can strike for higher wages or for new employers, it will be time enough to draw hat parallel.

Bates Redivivus.

The Gazette discredits the story which we published on the authority of the St. Louis Evening News, that Bates' negroes emancipated themselves. It says there is no such paper. Well, the item was a foundling to us, and we abandon it. We clipped it, thus credited, from the New York Tribune, which we supposed was high Bates authority, and we mentioned it to illustrate on what a slender thread hang all political affairs.

Our Poreign Policy. The Senate's rejection of the Mexican treaty places the President in an embarrassing position, as the Government to which he was going to pay four millions for the treaty has, in the meantime, pretty much dropped out. With four millions he might have kept it in existence long enough to ratify the treaty, but the Juarez Government could not wait the slow movement of our Senate.

Wood Down. It is said that Fernando Wood will not be able to press the claims of his delegation to admission at Charleston with the anticipated vigor, on account of the departure of all the leading "roughs" for England, to see the

Newspaper Ethics. The Commercial appropriates the handsomely written sketch of "Incidents in the

The Six-Feet Guage. Mrs. Francis D. Gage has brought up six boys whose aggregate hight is thirty-six feet. and examine them.

life of Carl Schurz," in the Ohio State Journal.

and credits it to "an exchange."

From Hawthorne's new Roman Legend of the Fountain

From Hawthorns's new Romance.)

Legend of the Feuntains.

So the young count narrated a myth of one of his progenitors—be might have lived a century ago, or a thousand years, or before the Christian epoch, for anything that Donatello knew to the contrary—who had made acquaintance with a fair creature belonging to this fountain. Whether woman or sprite was a mystery, as was all else about her, except that her life and soul were somewhat interfused throughout the gushing water. She was a fresh, cool, dewy thing, sunny and shadowy, full of pleusant little mischiefs, fitful and changeable with the whim of the moment, but yet at constant as her native stream, which kept the same gush and flow forever, while marble crumbled over and around it. The fountain woman loved the youth—a knight, as Donatello called him—for, according to the legend, his race was akin to hers. At least, whether kin or no, there had been friendship and sympathy of old betwixt an ancestor of his, with furry ears, and the long lived lady of the fountain. And, after all those ages, she was still as young as a May moraing, and as frolicesome as a bird upon a tree, or a breeze that makes merry with the leaves.

She taught him how to call her from her pebbly source, and they spent many a happy hour together, more especially in the fervor of the summer days. For often as he sat waiting for her by the margin of the spring, she would auddenly fall down around him in a shower of sunny rain-drops, with a rainbow glancing through them, and forthwith gather

a shower of sunny rain-drops, with a rainbow glancing through them, and forthwith gather herself up into the likeness of a beautiful girl, laughing—or was it the warble of the rill over the pebbles?—to see the youth's

Thus, kind maiden that she was, the hot

Thus, kind maiden that she was, the hot atmosphere became deliciously cool and fragrant for this favored knight; and, furthermore, when he knelt down to drink out of the spring, nothing was more common than for a pair of rosy lips to come up out of its little depths, and touch his mouth with the thrill of a sweet, cool, dewy kiss!

"It is a delightful story for the hot noon of your Tuscan summer," observed the sculptor at this point. "But the deportment of the watery lady must have had a most chilling influence in midwinter. Her lover would find it, very literally, a cold reception."

"I suppose," said Donatello, rather sulkily, "you are making fun of the story. But I see nothing laughable in the thing itself, nor in what you say about it." Brown raid, "a murderous proceeding, in-

what you say about it. what you say about it."

He went on to relate that for a long while the knight found infinite pleasure and comfort in the friendship of the fountain nymph. In his merriest hours, she gladdened him with her sportive humor. If ever he was annoyed with earthly trouble, she laid her moist hand upon his brow, and charmed the fret and fiver units way.

hand upon his brow, and charmed the fret and fever quite away.

But one day—one fatal noontide—the young knight came rushing with hasty and irregu-lar steps to the accustomed fountain. He called the nymph; but—no doubt because there was something unusual and frightful in his tone—she did not appear nor answer him. He flung himself down, and washed his hands and bathed his feverish brow in the cool, pure water. And then there was a sound of woe; it might have been a woman's voice; it might have been only the sighing of the brook over the pebbies. The water shrank away from the youth's hands, and left his brow as dry and feverish as before.

Donatello here came to a dead pause,

"Why did the water shrink from this un-

"Why did the water shrink from this un-happy knight?" inquired the sculptor.
"Because he had tried to wash off a blood-stain" said the young count, in a horror-stricken whisper. "The guilty man had pol-luted the pure water. The nymph might have comforted him in sorrow, but could not cleanse his conscience of crime."

"And did he never behold her more?"

asked Kenyon.
"Never but once," replied his friend. "He never beheld her blessed face but once again, and then there was a blood stain on the poor

nymph's brow; it was the stain his guilt had left in the fountain where he tried to wash it off. He mourned for her his whole life long, and employed the best sculptor of the time to and employed the best sculptor of the time to carve this statue of the nymph from his de-scription of her aspect. But, though my an-cestor would fain have had the image wear her happiest look, the artist, unlike yourself, was so impressed with the mournfulness of the story, that, in spite of his best efforts, he made her forlorn, and forever weeping, as you see."

Kenyon found a certain charm in this kenyon found a certain charm in this simple legend. Whether so intended or not, he understood it as an apologue, typifying the soothing and genial effects of an habitual intercourse with nature, in all ordinary cares and griefs; while, on the other hand, her mild influences fall short in their effect upon the ruder userious and are altogether rower. the ruder passions, and are altogether power-less in the dread fever fit or deadly chill

A Brave Soldier.

The Constitutionnet gives the following annecdate of the late war in Italy:

During the battle of Magenta the combat was exceedingly severe round the railway station, and as the French regiments advanced

was exceedingly severe round the railway station, and as the French regiments advanced men were busily employed in removing the wounded, fearing that if their comrades should by chance be obliged to fall back, the men lying on the ground would be trampled under foot. An officer perceived a soldier on his knees near his musket, busily employed in binding up his head with a handkerchief, having received a thrust from a bayonet which had passed through his check and entered his left eye. The officer asked him what he was doing, and seeing that he was badly wounded, told him to go to the ambulance. "To the ambulance!" said the soldier, "and why?" "Because you have lost your eye," said the officer. "Yes," said the soldier, "and why?" "Because you have lost your eye, " said the officer. "Yes," said the soldier, but the other is still good," at the same time pointing his musket to show that he could still take aim. In a quarter of an hour after the railway station was in the hands of the French.

A ball fired by the Austrians struck in the arm of a French soldier who was climbing up to one of the windows, and he fell. The same officer ran and raised him up. "Ah, is that you, captain?" said the same soldier, "hank you," but the rascals have broken my arm." "Yes," said the officer, "have you not had enough of it now?" The soldier did not for a moment reply, but after taking up his musket, he said, with a smile, "It is only the left, captain; the other is still good," and he again hurried to the combat. The captain wenton, also, and in a few moments again saw him fall down from a shot in the breast. "Poor fellow," said the officer, leaning over him. The soldier heard his voice, and with dying accents said, "Captain, you must not be angry with me, for if I had left the field, two other men would have been hit, whereas in my case it makes no great matter, as my time had evidently come." And the poor fellow, falling back, expired. It was the officer who had evidently come." And the poor fellow, falling back, expired. It was the officer who told the story, and in his turn was killed at Solferino. Such is the fortune of war.

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